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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 24, 2006 This response is being timely filed within the shortened statutory period and as such, no fees or a petition for extension of time is necessary. Although, Applicants believe that no extensions of time or a petition for extension of time is required with submission of this paper, Applicants request that this submission also be considered as a pention for any further extensions of time if necessary. The Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge the amount due for any retroactive extensions of time and any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment in any fees paid on the filing or during prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

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